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SUMMARY.

FARMER'S AUTUMN FASHIONS.

The King opened the Imperial Parliament in State on Tuesday.

The Speech from the Throne indicated that relations with foreign Powers were friendly.

Opposition was expressed at the measures proposed to improve the administration of India.

Last year's Irish Land Bill would be introduced, and it would be brought in dealing with the question of awarding and the hours of work in shops.

The amount of expenditure over revenue in the coming year would occupy serious attention.

Mr. Asquith said, in the House of Commons, that the Pensions were exceedingly unattractive.

There was no prospect of an improvement, until the Shah kept his promise to make representative institutions in India.

The real interest of the session, the "Times" said, centres in the Budget.

The noisy section of the woman suffrage movement is indicating that the speech contains no reference to the franchise.

There were several sessions of uneventful meetings London on Tuesday.

Two hundred people were buried in the church which occurred in the Flores Theatre, Acapulco, Mexico.

A cinematograph film ignited, and a terrible panic ensued. The victims were practically burned to death.

Two thousand additional recruits have joined the London Territorial Army.

The police in Calcutta raided the houses of several influential men, and documents were seized.

According to Mr. T. Davies, M.P., between 8,000 and 70,000 old-age pensioners in Ireland are not qualified under the Act.

The action of Kuanif Pasha in altering the Turkish army is intended to preserve discipline in the army.

The army is said to be permeated by a campaign of agitation on the part of extremists.

The outlook is critical, many American bankers are increasing the price of their money.

A national conference on tuberculosis has been opened in Castle Hall, London.

The conference deals largely with preventive measures against the disease.

A Russian anarchist, on being approached by police in his lodgings in Ghent, shot a commissar of police and a policeman before he was arrested.

An explosion occurred in the West Stanley Pier, Durban, as a result of which 140 miners are entombed.

The Prime Minister and Senator McGregor were welcomed at Kalgoorlie yesterday by representatives of labour on the goldfields.

A committee has been formed to take steps for the erection of a hospital for the purposes of the institution by Mr. William Charles Cooper.

The City Council is taking vigorous steps for the improvement of the city parks, a sum of £11,000 having been set aside for the purpose.

A terrific gale, the last arriving by rail, is now blowing and the Council's markets in Bondi and Paddington. Consignments are also being sent by boat.

The unusual inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the wreck of the Penguin was held yesterday at Paddington.

The date of the miners' strike at Newnes is indefinite, as the result of a strike by engine-drivers and drivers over the question of wages.

The City Council has decided to enforce measures which would prevent surface miners from using roads leading to the mines.

The defence of the State, and the State's safety, will shortly be unfolded in detail.

The Minister of Home Affairs is visiting Brisbane in connection with the administration of the Immigration Restriction Act.

In an interview Mr. Battchelder said he considered the proposed legislation as continuing the policy of exceedingly bright.

In the course of a speech yesterday the Federal Attorney-General said the defence policy would shortly be unfolded in detail.

He gave his assurance that it would not be long in thoroughness.

An interview took place in Brisbane yesterday between the Minister for External Affairs and Mr. Kidston.

Mr. Kidston referred to a statement in which it was inferred that only Queensland was destined to be included in the scheme of the Commonwealth and the States.

Queensland, said Mr. Kidston, was merely asking what a fair thing according to the bargain on which they federated.

A report has reached the Minister for Agriculture that phylloxera had appeared in one of the districts of Queensland.

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There is some talk of a new morning newspaper being started in Perth (W.A.).

The new agricultural railway line from Narrabri to Wickepin (W.A.) has been completed for traffic.

The Minister for Home Affairs has found out certificates for sick leave in the Federal Public Service are obtained for paltry amounts.

Major General Dwyers, C.M.G., formerly Military Commandant in South Australia and Victoria, arrived from South Africa at Adelaid yesterday.

He states that the Transvaal is slowly recovering from the depression which followed the war, and the old racial hatred is dying out.

He believes that the union of South Africa would be of immense advantage to the whole continent.

The estimated population of Sydney and its suburbs on December 31 was 367,100.

Mr. George Harris and his brother-in-law, Mr. William Harris, were drowned while swimming in the Government stock tank at Cobber.

Victors won the cricket match against Tasmania by four wickets.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OUR STATE SYSTEM.

MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

SHIRE MANAGEMENT.

The annual report of the Tumbarumba Shire Council may be taken as being evidence of a typical case of good shire management. First of all, the finances are sound, and there is a surplus this year—a small one, but still a surplus—and, as the president says in his report, "This can only be regarded as a financial success." The shire has a large amount of money in its bank, which is not fair to the ratepayers. The services have been faithfully carried out, and fresh responsibilities have been accepted (such as the Botanical Gardens), thus widening the scope of the council's work. But the best thing about the report is the fact that the council is looking forward to an increased ambit of usefulness during the next year, and among the new activities contemplated there is to be a special attempt made to put the health services on a proper and efficient basis.

DRAINAGE AND WATER SUPPLY.

The report states that the town "stands in the unenviable position of being half dry, half wet, and that it is to be held contaminated by the water in Tumbarumba is a dangerous experiment." Of course it must be remembered that the council has not long been in existence, and cannot be held responsible for the bad conditions which have been bequeathed to it as an inheritance—an onerous one—from the old system of centralized administration. It is to be credited that the new model of shire government has set things in order with as little delay as possible. The report says:—It is the duty of the council to overcome the consequences of years of neglect, so that the germs of typhoid, scurvy, and other malignant diseases may become an impossibility in a town that lends itself to the best of drainage, and with the possibility of a direct supply of water.

The new scheme will work in conjunction with a scheme for electric lighting of the town, and as the council has now the control of the Botanical Gardens, their responsibilities in the coming year will be very much heavier than in the past. But if they proceed in the spirit of the president's annual report they will justify the change which Parliament sanctioned when it passed the Local Government Act.

THE NEW SANITATION.

This disposition to introduce up-to-date methods in regard to public health is in evidence throughout the State, save in a few backward corners. Most of the annual official reports contain some reference to it. This, no doubt, is the effect of ordinance 15, which provides for the appointment of a sanitary engineer to each shire, and the guidance of the civic bodies. For instance, in the annual report of the Mayor of Lismore, a reference is made to the substitution of the new system for the former "primitive" method, which was costly and inefficient. In 1908, the report says, a most modern sanitary system was inaugurated, with a great reduction in the charges which formerly prevailed. The result?—The new system has been carried out in an entirely satisfactory manner, and complaints, which were numerous prior to its commencing, have ceased.

The town water supply scheme has been pushed ahead, and both the water and sewerage schemes are in a very good position. All the councils appear to be satisfied with the system of metering, which is now in full swing. Licences may be consequential.

THE REVIVAL OF TRADE.

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BIRTHS.
WADDELL—February 13, at his residence, 177 Wadsworth Street, Eastern, wife of A. H. Waddele, a daughter.
BAUDINER—February 2, at Thelma, Bondi, the wife of Dr. H. W. Baudin, a daughter.
STEWART—February 2, at Manilla, N.W., the wife of Robert Douglas Stewart—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BRADWELL—December 19, 1908, at the Methodist Church, Walker-street, North Sydney, by the Rev. Woods Rutledge, James, second son of John Bradwell, deceased, and Mary, only daughter of William Henry Burrow, of North Sydney.
JOHNSTON—GILBERT—January 20, at the residence of the Rev. J. T. Johnston, St. Albans, John, son of James Scott, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnston, of Devonport, Canterbury, New Zealand.
John, son of the Rev. J. T. Johnston, late of St. Albans, John Gilbert, of St. Albans and Mrs. Gilbert, of Beaconsfield, Windsor.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

LAWLER—McINTYRE—At St. James' Church, Kingcombe, J. T. Lawler to E. J. McIntyre, present address, Elsternwick, Preston Parade, Elsternwick, N.S.W.

DEATHS.

MURKIN—February 4, 1909, at Orange, Martin Ashe, aged 61 years, beloved mother of T. H. Ashe, Auckland, N.Z.
PIDGEON—February 10, at the residence of his brother, Thomas, Cranleigh, High-street, North Sydney, William, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Pidgeon, aged 67 years.
TAYLOR—February 16, 1909, at Neutral Bay, Thelma May, beloved daughter of James and Thelma Taylor.
WHITEHEAD—February 16, 1909, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, North Sydney, Mrs. Edith Louis, beloved wife of Richard Whitehead, aged 36 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

AMOR—In tender memory of my little darling, Leslie, who died at home on February 13, 1908.
Three years will yet last her fond remembrance.

Since then went her fond remembrance;

The soul of love has gone to God.

Imbued by his loving mother, sister, and grandmothers, I am still here.

BROOK—In memory of Elizabeth (Eliza), beloved wife of George Brook, who died February 18, 1908, aged 61 years.

BUSSAKER—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Frank, who departed this life February 18, 1908, in his 21st year, loved by his loving parents and wife.

BUSSAKER—In loving memory of our dearest wife and our mother, Phyllis Maria, who died on February 18, 1908, in her 50th year, beloved wife of our loving husband, National, son-in-law, Alfred, and William, and daughter-in-law, Emma, Miss George.

CRUM—In loving memory of our dearly beloved mother, Agnes Blanche Crum, who departed this life February 18, 1908, in her 60th year, loved by her loving son and daughter-in-law, and grandchild, Robert and Sophia Crum. At rest.

DODD—On the 18th February, 1909, Agnes Crum, who departed this life February 18, 1908, at 101 Harris-street, Fremantle, aged 25 years. At rest.

DRUMMOND—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, who departed the life on February 18, 1908.

A precious son remains, he has gone,

A place is vacant in our home;

He will be missed, he will be missed.

Imbued by his loving wife and son.

GRAHAM—In all remembrance of my dear mother, Robert Graham, late of Five Towns, who departed this life February 18, 1908, in her 80th year, loved by her loving son, Robert, and her loving daughter, Mrs. Robert Cowan, Arcton-street, Paddington.

HIND—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our beloved mother, Hannah Hind, who entered into rest February 18, 1908, in her 60th year, loved by her loving son and daughter-in-law, E. and A. Phillips, and son, L. Phillips.

HOMWOOD—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband and son, deceased, John Homwood, who died at his residence, Rockdale. Imbued by his loving wife and children.

HUTCHINS—In aid but loving memory of our darling little son, who died this life February 18, 1908, aged 2 years and 9 months, suddenly.

The love of home has gone,

A place is vacant in our home;

He will be missed, he will be missed.

Imbued by his loving wife and son.

JOHNSON—In aid remembrance of our dear mother, Robert Johnson, late of Five Towns, who departed this life February 18, 1908, in her 80th year, loved by her loving son, Robert, and her loving daughter, Mrs. Robert Cowan, Arcton-street, Paddington.

KING—In aid but loving remembrance of my dear wife and our beloved mother, Hannah King, who entered into the light of home, loved by her loving son and daughter-in-law, E. and A. Phillips, and son, L. Phillips.

LAUW—In fond and loving memory of our dear sister, Lucy, who died this life February 17, 1908, also a loving memory of our dear mother, accordionist, and good companion, Mrs. E. and M. E. Lauw, and her son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lauw and Mrs. F. Lauw.

LEWIS—In aid but loving memory of our dear daughter, and our dear son, John Lewis, who died this life February 18, 1908, aged 20 years, not alone;

Then did he go, he will be gone,

He will be missed.

Imbued by his loving father, mother, and daughter.

LIUW—In aid but loving memory of our dear sister, Lucy, who died this life February 18, 1908, in her 20th year, loved by her brother, and sister, and son, A. Weeks.

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THE WEEK IN LONDON.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S NOTES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Queensland in London.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—If the present hotch-potch arrangement of Australia in London is to continue, and the Commonwealth is to persist in its achievement presenting a lame and impotent appearance at the centre of the Empire, the most advisable for each of the States to make up its own best job. Hence, Victoria's new building does well enough up, as it does just now, conspicuous enough in the otherwise vacant "Quadrangle" on the Strand, while the Queensland offices, which are in process of migration to what used to be a restaurant of marble and gilt, near the Adelphi Theatre, have, very properly, for some weeks past, successfully ministered to the curiosity of crowds of people by an attractive window display of precious stones and other curiosities imported from the northern State. Sir George Tostow, and his staff will move into the new office in April, and their administration of the department will be entered upon with renewed energy. The immigration section will continue to distribute literature concerning the State's resources, and will work generally in conjunction with passenger agents scattered throughout the English provinces. It is expected that stateless immigrants will be available, easily sufficient in number, for the capacity of the ships of the Torres Straits route, which will convey them to Queensland. I am told that when Queensland immigrants were sent by the more usual routes, it was found that many of them were so satisfied by the southern States at which they touched en route that they made up their minds to return, even after seeing Queensland. The authorities have changed all that. Their immigrants enter Australia from the north, and Queensland is thereby able to make its full effect upon them, unhampered by comparisons.

British Museum Anniversary.

The British Museum is 150 years old today. There will be no anniversary rejoicing, largely because a century and a half is but a span of time compared with the age of some of the chief treasures housed in the great, grey, gloomy building in Bloomsbury, and also, perhaps, because in face of the present squabble over the building itself, and the resulting soldiery of so many of its contents, the frivolous safety of a commemoration would be something worse than incongruous.

An anniversary of the British Museum is no more the time than the British Museum itself is the place, for airy perambulation. And yet, of course, it is a marvelous show. Certainly, the average Londoner takes it as read, as the average person in every city on earth takes as read every national monument. And so, there is a wild rush to see the mummies or the Elgin Marbles. The Londoner knows they are there all right; and possibly his heart glows with just pride in the knowledge, as he swings past in his millions on the adjacent streets—possibly not. However, there is a constant dribble of people into the cavernous recesses of the building, all day and every day, and on holidays they are into the crypts. The great hall has its usual quiet dignity, and it is there that you may see the true blue British Museum man—only, instead of being true blue he is usually parchment yellow, like the age-worn manuscripts among which he spends his life. Invalids and cripples are wheeled in chairs every morning, and wheeled out again in the same afternoon, having lived one more day among the books which for years past, perchance, have given them a sense of security and a sense of service. Gout-bitten students waver in the service of books, take day by day, their places at tables which have made them welcome for half a century. Some men and women have spent the greater part of their waking lives in the British Museum reading-room, and hundreds of young men and young women are there constantly, in search of that or the next fragment of human knowledge. Archaeological researches often turn here, drivers, in old, unhappy, far-off things, workers in ancient by-paths of learning—all are here. Here also is the army of hacks, of grubbers, of peering and prying shabby old men, with eyes like hawks, bent in form, and wrinkled and furrowed in feature until they bear no small resemblance to the birds they typify. They are working in pairs, and the Government is paying the details of fact and date that will interest him, suffering from slight concussion, fractured ribs, and abrasions to the face.

gramme international match with England, in March, will arouse sympathy for the English union from a great body of the sporting public who have been satisfied hitherto to jeer at its decisions, and fume at its selections of representative sides. For these Scotchmen actually prefer the English union to the one which they have played with pitch, and they defined: "We will have none of you"—and then drew a disdain, and wrap themselves round in their spotless robe of amateurism. In danger, as they think, of similar defilement by contact with England. Their role is not so spotless as they suggest, however, as will be seen. The Scotch union accuses the English union of not being in practice, and the English accuse the Scotch union of being too good. Each member of the New Zealand team which won England three years ago, and each member of the Australian Rugby Union team now in this country have been allowed, in addition to their travelling and general expenses, a sum of \$5 a day "pin-money," and the English Rugby Union have approved of the arrangement. "That," says the Scottish union, "is professionalism pure and simple, and we do not mind it." These terms, now, we are sure of their tendency.

The idea that the Scotch authorities should like to play it under cover of humiliating arbitration against England is a dreadful notion. Each member of the Port Pirie branch of the A.M.A. gave evidence of the wages prior to the new agreement. He previously worked for the British Company, and got \$7.60 as a charge-clerk. After six years he was a strike, and the wages were increased to \$10.60. The proprietors then took over the wages and charged extra of \$1.82 the wages of charge-clerk, reduced from \$8 to \$7.20, and of bronzed boy, from \$4. They got an increase in 1900. He got \$8.60, and his lead was \$1.00 a ton. Wages were then \$10.60.

His Honor: You have no evidence that the British Company was making a profit?

Mr. Kellywick: It is strange if they were making a profit that they gave it up.

Witness: I explained the rise and fall of different trades in Port Pirie. On March 1, 1900, the Broken Hill Proprietary Company U.S. was formed, and was merged into the A.M.A. July 1, 1901. It had 300 strong. But in May, 1902, it had 112 members.

To Mr. Kellywick: What is your opinion of any likely reduction in wages until December?

Mr. Kellywick: What? Don't you read the paper?

Mr. Keay: Miners—No, I do not.

Witness: I don't know anyone who does. I read it here.

The Court adjourned until the next morning.

THE BARRIER.

LEAD POISONING.

COST OF LIVING.

EVIDENCE AT PORT PIRIE.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The arbitration proceedings in connection with the dispute between the A.M.A. and the Proprietary Company were resumed at Port Pirie this morning.

Edward Thomas Edwards (secretary of the Port Pirie branch of the A.M.A.) gave evidence of the wages prior to the new agreement. He previously worked for the British Company, and got \$7.60 as a charge-clerk. After six years he was a strike, and the wages were increased to \$10.60.

Theodore: But there was a strike, and the proprietors then took over the wages and charged extra of \$1.82 the wages of charge-clerk, reduced from \$8 to \$7.20, and of bronzed boy, from \$4.

Witness: It was far more unhealthy five years ago than now, but the work is harder, was led some years ago, when the proprietors then took over the wages and charged extra of \$1.82 the wages of charge-clerk, reduced from \$8 to \$7.20, and of bronzed boy, from \$4.

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